Volunteering my time

I have a lot of experience with raising money, fundraising, and volunteering. Volunteering has always been a big part of my life. Being a Type 1 diabetic I started off as a freshmen volunteering for a thrift shop in my town that supported Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. I would work in the shop every month for my whole freshmen year. The thrift shop donated over thousands of dollars every year to support JDRF. After volunteering at the thrift shop I also started working at an indoor turf arena. I worked with kid’s one- on-one teaching them soccer. After working at Unlimited Sports for a few months they asked me if I was interested in working with autistic children. I was ecstatic to start working with autistic kids while playing soccer. I volunteered for this program every Saturday morning throughout my junior and senior year of high school. This kids I worked with changed my life in a way that I will be forever thankful for. Every time I was paired with the same kid I could see the progress they were making coming to the program and the impact I was making on their life.

The summer going into my sophomore year of high school I went to Costa Rica for three weeks. This trip allowed me to give back to local communities. I would play soccer with the locals; help build bathrooms in school that needed new plumbing, and paint schools. Working with kids has always been a passion of mine. My experience with children throughout my teen years has motivated me to change my major and pursue elementary education and human development and family studies. The children I have helped throughout my teen years have shaped me to be the loving, caring, selfless person I am today.